

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PESTICIDE AND PLANT PEST MANAGEMENT DIVISION
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Blueberry Scorch, Shock, and Sheep Pen Hill Virus Quarantine

WHEREAS, the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, having found that certain dangerous virus diseases have been found or established in certain other states and that these diseases are not known to exist in Michigan and

WHEREAS, Michigan is the largest producer of highbush blueberries in the United States and

WHEREAS, these diseases are considered to be the most serious of the virus diseases affecting blueberry plants and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States has not determined that a federal quarantine is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, by authority of Section 23 of Act No. 189, P.A. of 1931, as amended, (Section 286.223, Compiled Laws of 1948) and Section 20 (2) of Act No. 189, (Section 286.220(2), Compiled Laws of 1948, and Regulation No. 620, does establish a quarantine to prevent the introduction into Michigan of blueberry scorch virus (BBScV), blueberry shock virus (BBSV), and sheep pen hill virus (BBScV-NJ)

I. BLUEBERRY VIRUSES SUBJECT TO QUARANTINE:

Blueberry Scorch Virus (BBScV) Carlavirus
Blueberry Shock Virus (BBSV) Ilarvirus
Sheep Pen Hill Disease (BBScV-NJ) Carlavirus

II. REGULATED AREAS

The States of New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington and the province of British Colombia, Canada or any other area where these viruses or plant material infected with these diseases are known to exist.

III. REGULATED ARTICLES

Plants, buds, vegetative cuttings or any other propagative forms of *Vaccinium corymbosum*

IV. SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS

1. All regulated articles shipped into Michigan from regulated areas must be certified virus free by a virus-free certification program recognized by the Director.
2. All regulated articles shipped into Michigan must be accompanied by a State Phytosanitary Certificate or Certificate of Quarantine Compliance (CQC) indicating its point of original propagation or production and labeled or stamped to show compliance with terms of this quarantine.

V. VIOLATIONS

1. Any firm and/or individual found in violation of this quarantine is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be fined according to the provisions of Act 189, Insect Pest and Plant Pest Disease Act.
2. Shall be liable for the removal or destruction of the uncertified or disease-infected plant material and/or
3. The special permit to ship to Michigan shall be revoked.

/s/ Dan Wyant
Director

Dated at Lansing, Michigan
April 22, 2002